

NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release**: On April 28, 2010, Dr. Walter Weaver and Dr. Deborah Weaver, residents of North Platte, Nebraska, waived Indictment and entered pleas of guilty to an Information charging that they evaded \$128,727 in income taxes due to the United States for the 2003 tax year. The Weavers entered into plea agreements with the United States in exchange for the guilty pleas.

The Information charges that the Weavers filed income tax returns which substantially and materially misrepresented their joint income for the 2003 tax year. In addition, they plead guilty to concealing and attempting to conceal the nature and extent of their joint income, including the use of corporations to hide their income.

"Placing income and property in the names of nominee corporations to conceal the true facts from the IRS isn't tax planning; it's criminal activity," said Gabe Grchan, Acting Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation, St. Louis Field Office.

Name of Defendant: Dr. Walter Weaver

AKA:

**Age:** 47

**City of residence:** North Platte, NE

Name of Defendant: Dr. Deborah Weaver

AKA:

**Age: 41** 

**City of residence:** North Platte, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Tax Evasion, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201. Maximum penalty is up to 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: North Platte, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest**:

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Between \$80,000 and \$200,000

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** 

**Relevant Dates:** 

**Date of Alleged Crime**: On or about July 1, 2004

**Federal Arrest Date:** 

**Date Complaint Issued:** 

**Information Filed Date**: April 28, 2010

**Initial Appearance Date**: April 28, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): April 28, 2010

Sentencing Date: October 26, 2010

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** Sentencing

**Assigned Magistrate Judge**: Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released on Conditions

**In Continuous Custody Since:** 

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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